



Lucky Loon

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Gready is a grade 5 teacher at the James Robinson Public School, Markham. —J. Thomas

Rare Bird Found Half Frozen by Teacher

A 25-pound loon owes its life to Miss Eileen McGready, 7th conc. of Markham. Miss McGready, a grade five teacher at the James Robinson Public School, Markham Village, spotted the bird lying in the middle of a gravel road. Although numb with cold, it was rapidly revived when inside the warm confines of the McGready home.

Harry Lumsden, biologist at the Maple Office of the Dept. of Lands and Forests, informed the Tribune that the loon is seldom seen so far inland. He noted that although the majority of them migrate in the late fall, a number remain the year round. The loon is an expert swimmer and diver but is not mobile on land. It spears fish with a long spike-like bill. Mr.

Lumsden said that it was possible that the bird might have become exhausted while flying between Lake Simcoe and Lake Ontario. They are well known for their blood-curdling cries.

Although the bird remained on a hunger strike for one day following its rescue, it later consumed large quantities of sardines and bread. It has now been turned over to Prof. H. G. Hedges of the Toronto Teachers' College.

Miss McGready's grade five pupils gave the bird an enthusiastic welcome when it was brought to school on Friday. The loon did not appreciate its admirers, however, and thwarted their affection with sharp jabs of its long bill. The class is currently studying bird life.

Claremont Garage Operator Passes While at Work

Robert McLeod, well-known garage operator of Claremont, passed away suddenly on Friday evening while answering a call. Mr. McLeod, resident of Claremont for more than a quarter century, had gone out in answer to a call near Balsam and was in the act of aiding a stranded motorist when he was stricken. He had been enjoying comparatively good health.

Robert McLeod was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alex McLeod of Orillia, and was in his 63rd year. Thirty-five years ago he married Deloss Bone and the couple lived for a time at Richmond Hill, coming to Claremont in 1930. Mr. McLeod had been engaged in the garage business for over thirty years.

Deceased was president of the Claremont Businessmen's Association and an executive member of the Ontario County Garage Operators' Association. He was a member of the Legion and an ardent lawn bowler. Bob McLeod, as he was familiarly known, took a keen interest in all the activities of the village and won for himself a great host of friends over the years. He was identified with the United Church.

Besides his wife, the deceased is survived by one son Roy of Claremont and a sister, Viola (Mrs. Stewart Brillinger) of Timmins.

The funeral on Monday afternoon was conducted by Rev. H. Lackey from the United Church and was largely attended. Local business places remained closed during the service. Pallbearers were Messrs. C. Harman, H. Guscott, Jack Lehman, Hugh Gregg, Frank Barkley and Reg Hoskins. Interment was made in the Union Cemetery and Legion members conducted a short service at the graveside.

Stores will be open each evening from now until Christmas.

Classified ads. for next week's issue should be left at The Tribune office not later than noon on Monday. Next week's Christmas issue will be delivered on Tuesday morning.

There's still time to give that wonderful gift, a new Smith-Corona portable typewriter. See the fine colored Supers in their smart carrying cases today.

EARL BRETHOUR WINS SWEEPSTAKE

Earl Brethour of Blackwater was the sweepstake winner on Saturday at the dressed poultry and egg show at the Stouffville Sales Arena. Mr. Brethour captured the most prizes in the entire show. The judges were highly pleased with the quality of the produce brought in by the exhibitors. The prize poultry was sold after the show by auction, giving everyone a chance to take home a prize bird for Christmas.

Canada Packers Ltd. held a pork cutting demonstration along with the show, which has brought favorable comment. It is the first demonstration of its kind to be held in the district.

First prize winners were as follows: Turkey (young hen); Earl Brethour, Blackwater; turkey (Tom dressed), Ben Cox, Sharon; geese (young dressed 9-12 lbs.) Earl Brethour; geese (young, dressed) 12 lbs. and over, Earl Brethour; ducks (pair dressed) Earl Brethour; capon (pair dressed) Garfield Bennett, Goodwood; cockerel (pair dressed) Garfield Bennett; A.O.V. (pair dressed) Earl Brethour; 5 doz. white eggs—Earl Brethour; 5 doz. brown eggs, Garfield Bennett; champion bird in show, Garfield Bennett.

Mrs. Wm. Slack Passes in 68th Year

The death occurred in Stouffville Nursing Home on Sunday, Dec. 15th, of Mrs. William Slack. Mrs. Slack had been ill for a couple of months, and had not enjoyed good health for the past two years. She was the former Grace Eckardt and was born at Glasgow. She was in her 68th year.

Mr. William Slack predeceased his wife in 1946. The couple spent their entire married lifetime on a farm near Altona. Mrs. Slack was an ardent worker in the Women's Institute and was only recently made a life member of the Altona Branch. She was identified with the Baptist Church.

Surviving are three sons, Stanley and Walter in Stouffville and Roy of Oshawa; also three daughters, Audrey (Mrs. Harvey Feasby), Ruth (Mrs. Fred Lewis) and Merle (Mrs. Norman Dickinson). There is one brother William Eckardt and a sister Mrs. L. Hancock.

The funeral on Wednesday afternoon was conducted from the O'Neill Funeral Chapel by Rev. Fleisher, former Baptist Church pastor, and interment was made in the Stouffville Cemetery.

Final Markham Debentures For Hurricane Hazel are Sold

The final debentures for expenditures on damaged bridges as a result of Hurricane Hazel have been taken up for Markham Twp. council by Dawson Hannaford Co. Council on Monday night accepted this company's offer of \$98.75 at 6 1/2% for the \$91,000 in unsold debentures. This amount includes three debentures, formerly approved, but hitherto, unsold. A bylaw consolidating the three was also passed by council.

H. S. Appointments
The annual bylaw appointing township representatives was

PROPOSES INDUSTRY FOR VANDORF

Mr. Trechikoff, land developer, appeared before Whitchurch Township council at their final meeting on Monday evening and revealed his desire to locate an industry just south of Vandorf in the Laley sub-division. He said that the industry would employ 40 persons. Council was quite in accord with the proposed industry but found that no sub-division plan had been presented to the Planning Board.

The question of increased school costs in the Vandorf section was cited and deputy-reeve Richardson stated that something more than the developer's verbal assurance would be required in connection with schools.

Mr. Trechikoff stated that he had located industry in Brighton and in Bowmanville but it was disclosed that he was only in consultation with the authorities with no definite settlements to date.

Council requested that he put forth definite proposals, and the deputy-reeve suggested that they be put on paper, and that these proposals be put before Planning Board.

Dump to Close
Jacob M. Grove notified council that the garbage dump on his property would be closed on Dec. 31st. The annual rental is \$150 a year. It is understood that council has another property in view.

Interest Reduced
The Canadian Bank of Commerce advised council that, effective Dec. 1st, the rate of interest on loans would be reduced from 5 1/2% to 5%.

Court of Revisor For Whitchurch Extended to Monday

Whitchurch Township Court of Revision sittings will go into their second week next Monday, at which time the 1957 hearings and decisions are expected to be completed. There are ninety-two appeals against this year's assessment, in addition to a number of assessment changes.

Chairman of the Revision Court is R. C. Baycroft and the other members are, Fred Timbers, C. E. Toole, A. Marsh and Herb. Simpson. Also in attendance at the court was Ed. Jones, York County Assessor, and R. M. Kennedy, Whitchurch Twp. Assessor.

Late Mrs. Stapley Came to Canada 53 Years Ago

Mrs. Sarah Stapley, resident for the past 13 years on the 9th line, Markham township, just south of town, passed away at Cedar Lodge Rest Home, Queenville, on Saturday evening, December 14.

Mrs. Stapley was in her 87th year and had been in frail health for many years. She was the widow of the late Mr. Percy Stapley who predeceased her by four years. She was born in Udimer, Sussex, England, and came to Toronto, Canada, with her husband and son Robert in 1904. She was a sister of the late Mr. Wm. Smith whose death occurred recently at the Stouffville Nursing Home in his 92nd year. Besides her son, Robert, Mrs. Stapley leaves to mourn two grandchildren, Geo. of Vancouver, B.C., and Judy at home.

The funeral service was conducted at O'Neill's Chapel in Stouffville, by the Rev. Mr. D. A. McKillop, of the Stouffville Presbyterian Church, Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 2:30 p.m. Interment was made in Stouffville Cemetery. Pallbearers were Mr. Chas. Mallion, Toronto; Mr. Harold Briggs, Messrs. Frank, Howard and Bruce Gray, Pefferlaw and Mr. Ken Jarvis, Willowdale.

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Police Costs in County are Reported Near \$300,000

Police protection for the fourteen municipalities comprising the County of York is costing these municipalities close to \$300,000, and this figure is expected to be higher in 1958.

Chairman of the police committee, William Sellers of Sutton, has asked the municipalities to do not include the township of Whitchurch which is policed by the Ontario Provincial Police.

By municipalities, the cost of police protection to the ratepayers is as follows:

Aurora, 1 chief, 3 men	\$19,564
E. Gwillimbury,	
1 chief, 2 men	15,089
Georgina, 1 chief, 1 man	
and 2 part-time men	7,237
King Twp., 2 men (OPP)	4,002
Markham Tp. 1 chief,	
13 men	54,001
Markham Village,	
1 chief, 1 man	14,271
Newmarket, 1 chief,	
10 men, 1 policewoman	33,331
N. Gwillimbury,	
1 chief, 3 men	18,512
Richmond Hill,	
1 chief, 5 men	21,790
Stouffville,	
1 chief, 1 man	10,304
Sutton, 1 chief, 2 men	12,267
Vaughan, 1 chief, 12 men	57,305
Woodbridge,	
1 chief, 1 man	10,273

Satisfaction has been expressed to County Council by the various chiefs of police, regarding the efficiency of the Newmarket force in carrying out the agreement with the county regarding the transportation of prisoners.

A report on the service from January 1 to September 30, 1957, to the 14 county municipalities was presented. It had been prepared by Chief Byron Burbridge of Newmarket. Finger-printed 240—

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finger-printed and photographed. Forty prisoners were found to be repeaters. There were 88 finger-print examinations conducted in various parts of the county. These were required following break-ins. Nine fraudulent cheque cases were submitted to the RCMP at Ottawa. One hundred and sixty records, copies of photographs, requests for dispositions and fingerprints of prisoners were supplied to other police departments in the province. There were four requests for photography work.

There were 220 trips made to the Don Jail with prisoners, 12 trips to the Ontario Hospital, Whitby, one trip to the Galt Training school regarding a female prisoner, one trip to Napam, and 11 trips to York county municipalities.

Of the 647 criminal cases that have passed through the county magistrate's court at Newmarket, 310 were county prisoners, 257 Metropolitan Toronto, and 80 other municipalities. There were 50 female prisoners.

During the first nine months of 1957 there were 469 prisoners transported in the police wagon. One hundred and eleven prisoners were taken to and from the Don Jail to the magistrate's court at Newmarket.

86 Break-ins in County
There were 86 break-and-enters investigated in the county. They included break-ins of stores, offices, warehouses, garages and places of business.

They were divided into municipalities as follows:—Aurora, three; Georgina Twp. seven; E. Gwillimbury Twp. nine; Markham Twp. 21; Markham Village three; Newmarket, 13; North Gwillimbury Twp. 11; Stouffville, two; Sutton, four; Vandorf OPP detachment, five; Vaughan Twp. two; and Richmond Hill, six.

Plan for Pickering Tp. Sunday School Con'tion

The annual Convention of the Pickering Township Sunday School Association will be held in the Altona United Missionary Church on Wednesday, Jan. 8th.

The Convention will be divided into morning, afternoon and evening sessions. Rev. D. Sargent of Altona will be in charge of the worship service at 10 a.m. Rev. J. S. Lowden of Claremont will introduce the new Pastors. The Sunday School report will be given by Mr. Edgar James of Pickering. Following an address by Rev. C. P. Shapter of Whitevale, Rev. H. S. Shepard of Pickering will lead a discussion.

In the afternoon session, Rev. H. H. Lackey of Claremont will be in charge of the worship service. Rev. M. Butters of Pickering will install the new officers. Mrs. F. Huson of Stouffville will discuss the subject of Vacation Bible Schools. Miss E. Westgate of Dunbarton will lead the afternoon discussion. The guest speaker will be Rev. Floyd Honey, Secretary of the Board of Overseas Missions, United Church.

Rev. F. Honey will also address the gathering in the evening. A skit will be presented by the Gormley Sunday School group.

During the all-day Convention special music will be provided by Mrs. K. Drake and Mr. E. Ward of Claremont; the Pickering United Sunday School; the Audley Male Choir and Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker of Altona.

The officers for the past year have been—President, Mr. Geo. McConnell; 1st Vice, Mr. Hugh Michell; 2nd Vice, Mr. Edgar James, and Sec.-Treasurer, Mrs. Elmer Wilson.

The Department Superintendents are as follows: Girls—Mrs.

Retiring PUC Chairman Presented with Chair

At a special meeting of the Stouffville Public Utilities Commission on Monday morning, A. E. Weldon, retiring chairman of the PUC, was presented with a handsome chair in recognition of his long years of service to the municipality and to the Commission.

Mr. Reg. Stouffer who has been acting chairman since Mr. Weldon's retirement, stated in his remarks that Mr. Weldon would be missed and that the Commission was most anxious to show their appreciation for his work.

Reeve Elmer Daniels expressed further regret at Mr. Weldon's retirement and extended the appreciation of the community on behalf of the ratepayers for the chairman's long service.

Mr. Weldon in receiving the chair stated in reply that he had witnessed many similar presentations and he had reached the close of his municipal career with regrets. However, he said that it was necessary that he retire to preserve his health. He said that he had found the other members most

congenial to work with. He said he realized that the town was growing and there must be no hindrance to progress. He expressed his willingness to assist in any way he could at any time.

Consider Right-of-Way

The PUC Committee of Dr. Ball and Reg Stouffer reported to the Commission at the conclusion of the presentation that they had investigated the possible right-of-way to the reservoirs and that Alex Ratcliff and Frank Roberts had each asked the sum of \$1,800 for the former C.N.R. right-of-way property for a new roadway.

While the town has a given right-of-way through the Ratcliff property off the 9th concession, it is not easily accessible and most difficult to maintain. Members have expressed the opinion that the town must have a proper roadway into the reservoirs property from the 9th concession, particularly in view of the expected construction of a new reservoir there necessitating the hauling of materials and equipment in.

Thorny Sabiston Problem Left for '58 Council

The thorny problem of the Sabiston gravel pit, the question of who owns the enclosed road allowance, and what is to be done in connection with the large amount of material removed from this road allowance, is to be left over for the 1958 council to settle.

Markham Twp. council had asked that Mr. Sabiston and his solicitor appear before the council to try and reach a settlement, but for the second time on Monday night, these gentlemen did not appear. However, a letter was read by the clerk from Mr. Sabiston's solicitor which stated that he could see no necessity for his client to appear and that they had no knowledge of the survey which council advised had been taken of the road allowance.

Councillor Kathleen James expressed herself most strongly over the situation and three continual verbal barbs at councillor Cosburn on the matter.

"The whole thing smells of collusion," declared Mrs. James. "As to Sabiston not knowing about the survey, that is just so much tripe," she declared.

Reeve Clark agreed that there was no doubt Mr. Sabiston was aware of the survey and all council wanted was an amicable settlement.

"What I'd like to know is how he could enclose property which doesn't belong to him," she said.

"The reeve replied that this did not exclude it from the ownership of the municipality. He said that Mr. Sabiston and his solicitor should have been present, but since they weren't, there was little that could be done.

"What is councillor Cosburn's opinion? He's been carrying the ball for Sabiston," declared councillor James.

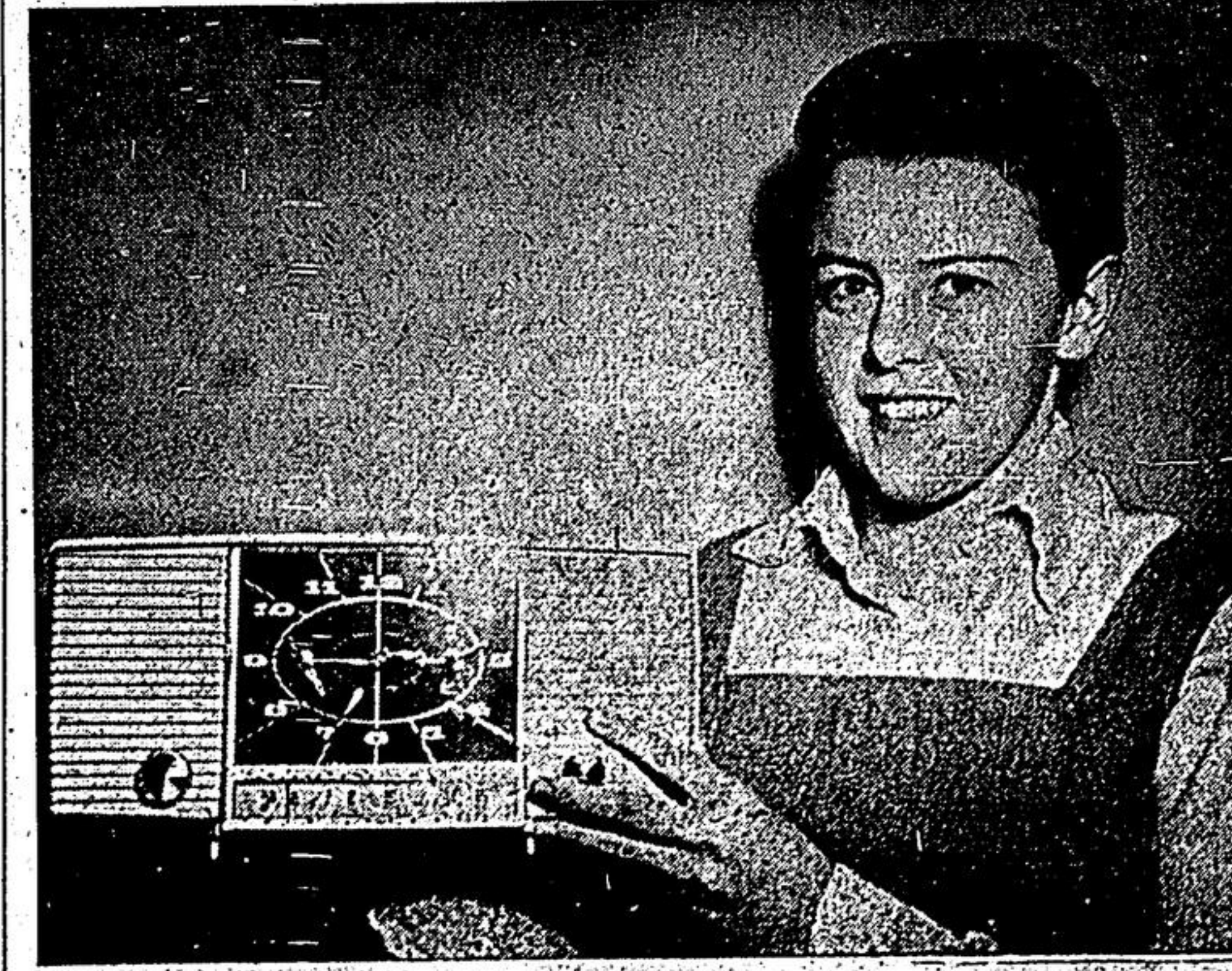
Councillor Cosburn said that it looked as if it was up to the township if they wanted to sue.

"Who said anything about suing anyone? We're trying to negotiate," councillor James replied.

Reeve Clark stated that 31,000 cu. yards of material had been removed from the road allowance.

Councillor James asked councillor Cosburn if he had said that she was trying to put the Sabiston pit out of business, but councillor Cosburn replied that he had never heard Mrs. James make such a statement.

The debate concluded with the matter being left for the 1958 Board to deal with.



A Prize Winner

Fifteen year old Connie Payne, R.R. 1, Claremont, proudly displays her new

clock-radio, second prize in a lucky draw held on Saturday afternoon at Claremont's San-

ta Claus Parade. The radio is valued at \$52.00. —J. Thomas

Correspondents and Advertisers

Due to Christmas falling on Wednesday this year, the next issue of the Tribune and the one which will bring annual Christmas Greetings, will be published on MONDAY night, Dec. 23rd. Correspondents are asked to have their copy into the newspaper office on Saturday. The office will be open all day.

Advertising copy should also be received not later than Saturday. The next issue following will be published on January 2nd.